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HOUSE BILL 3408  
By Mumpower

AN ACT to amend the charter of the town of Mountain City, being Chapter 133 of the Private Acts of 1986, as amended.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Article IV, Section 1, of Chapter 133 of the Private Acts of 1986, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Mayor and aldermen – election, term of office. Be it further enacted, that the governing body of the town of Mountain City shall be a mayor and four (4) aldermen elected by popular vote. The mayor and aldermen elected at the regular city election held on the fourth Saturday in March, 1997, for a term of two (2) years shall hold their offices until the expiration of their terms. At the regular city election held on the fourth Saturday in March, 1999, the candidate for mayor who receives the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. At the same election, the two (2) candidates for aldermen who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of four (4) years, and the two (2) candidates for aldermen who receive the next highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. The regular city election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in March of every odd-numbered year thereafter, at which the mayor and two (2) aldermen, or two (2) aldermen, as the case may be, shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. The terms of the mayor and aldermen shall begin on the first Monday in April following their election. Any person

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who is a qualified voter for members of the Tennessee General Assembly, and who is a resident of the town of Mountain City under the election laws of the state, and any person who is a resident of Johnson County, Tennessee, and who has owned a freehold within the corporate limits of the town of Mountain City for at least sixty (60) days immediately preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote in municipal elections.

SECTION 2. Article IV, Section 6, is amended as follows:

Section 6. Other town officers – appointment, term, qualifications. Be it further enacted, that the other officers of the town shall be the town recorder, chief of police and superintendent of public works. These officers shall be appointed by the board of mayor and aldermen for terms as follows, but may be removed at any time for good cause: The officers appointed by the present board for terms of two (2) years shall complete their terms of office; the board shall in its first regular meeting in April, 1999, appoint the officers to terms that expire on the date of the board's first regular meeting in April, 2000; the board shall at its first regular meeting in April, 2000, and in each and every succeeding even-numbered year, appoint the officers to terms that expire on the date of the board's first regular meeting in April two (2) years from that date. If for any reason an officer is not appointed in the first meeting in April of the year prescribed, the existing officer shall hold over in that office until his successor is appointed and qualified.

However, in no case will an officer removed for cause hold over in office.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Mountain City, Tennessee. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the Mayor of the Town of Mountain City and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.